

26-27 June 2014

Università di Padova
Via del Santo 22, Room B1

Forms of Labour in Europe and China. The Case of Foxconn

*An international seminar
with scholars and practitioners
engaging the transnational politics
of labour and workers' struggles*

Organised by

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Thursday 26th June 2014

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (10.00 - 11.00)

Alberta Contarello (*Vice-Director of Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology*)

Antonio Varsori (*Director of Department of Political, Legal and International Sciences*)

Coffee Break (11.00 - 11.30)

SESSION 1 (11.30 - 13.00)

Electronics: from China to the World

CHAIR: **Massimiliano Tomba** (*University of Padua*)

SPEAKERS:

Gijsbert van Liemt (*Self-employed economist, formerly ILO*)
Foxconn, the Company: Past, Present, and Future

Chris Smith (*University of London, Royal Holloway College*)
Work and Employment in Chinese Multinationals Abroad

Jan Drahokoupil (*European Trade Union Institute*)
Foreign Direct Investment and the State
in Central and Eastern Europe

Lunch (13.00 - 14.00)

SESSION 2 (14.30 - 16.30)

Electronics in Europe

CHAIR: **Marek Čaněk** (*Multicultural Centre Prague*)

SPEAKERS:

Malgorzata Maciejewska (*University of Wroclaw*)
Work and Life in a Special Economic Zone:
The Electronics Industry in Poland

Devi Sacchetto (*University of Padua*)
Working in a European Free Zone: Foxconn
workers' in Turkey

Irene Schipper (*Somo*)
Working Conditions at Foxconn in Hungary

Tea Break (16.30 - 17.00)

SESSION 3 (17.00 - 19.00)

Trade Unions and Labour Organising

CHAIR: **Chun-Yi Lee** (*University of Nottingham*)

SPEAKERS:

Laurent Zibell (*IndustrialAll-europe*)
Co-ordinating Workers across Borders: industriAll Europe's
Action at European Level in the Electronics Sector

Tomáš Formánek (*Foxconn shop steward
in the Czech Republic*)
The Experience of Trade Unions inside Foxconn Plant
in the Czech Republic

Li Changjiang (*Labor Community Education Center - China*)
Labour Organizing and Education for Foxconn Workers

Conference Schedule

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SESSION 4 (09.00 - 11.00)

New Features of the Working Class?

CHAIR: **Ferruccio Gambino** (*University of Padua*)

SPEAKERS:

Kateřina Kotrlá (*Most pro lidska prava*)
Working with Migrants in Pardubice, Czech Republic

Jenny Chan (*University of London, Royal Holloway College*)
Student Workers in China

Jack Qiu (*Chinese University of Hong Kong*)
Working-Class Public Spheres

Coffee Break (11.00 - 11.30)

SESSION 5 (11.30 - 13.30)

**Global production regime,
global labour politics:
new research agendas**

CHAIR: **Rutvica Andrijasevic** (*University of Leicester*)

SPEAKERS:

Martina Sproll (*Freie Universität Berlin*)
Contract Manufacturing as a Neotaylorist
Production Regime:
Linking Labour Politics, Power and Social Inequalities

Pun Ngai (*The Hong Kong Polytechnic University*)
Dying for an iPhone:
Apple, Foxconn and the Struggle of Chinese Workers